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**Governor  
Orders Study  
Of Prisons**

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Governor Ronald Reagan ordered his State Board of Corrections yesterday to conduct "a thorough review of security procedures in our prisons . . . aimed at reinforcing the safety and protecting the lives of both inmates and correctional officers."

The Legislature is planning an "in-depth" probe of California's prison disturbances and related problems, but Reagan's executive order specifically directs his board — headed by his secretary for human relations, James Hall — to make recommendations relating to:

Correctional officer safety; unnecessary exposure of correctional officers to danger; inmate security; inmate handling procedures; and communications with prisoners, including personal visits.

State Corrections Director Raymond Procunier is on the nine-member board of

corrections. All members are appointees of the governor.

In announcing his order, Reagan referred to recent "brutal murders" of guards and inmates at San Quentin prison and charged that such incidents in California prisons "appear to result from the unlawful designs of self-proclaimed revolutionary forces operating both within and without our prison walls."

On Tuesday, Sen. John Nejedly (Rep-Walnut Creek) proposed that the legislature create a special Assembly-Senate committee to conduct an investigation of the state's prisons — separate from the Department of Corrections probe.

Nejedly said the department's investigation "doesn't preclude a legislative investigation."

"This certainly has broad public interest. It might need a more objective review . . . the public certainly wouldn't be in the position to call the investigation a whitewash if the prison system was looked into by the legislature too."

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